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Kiaochow. Shantung
March 16, 1937

Dearest Mumsie + all:

I'll begin a bit of a letter to you this a.m. to let you know about all of us here. I came out to Kiaochow last Friday + will be here thru Sunday the 21. Am here by myself staying tho at Mrs. Reinbrecht's (she lived in house next to me, I mean across the one door where Ruth is now) the first year of my return. She is Lutheran + they have work here. They asked me to come for a couple of periods of a conference they had here + I did that on Friday + Saturday of last week. The little group formerly Presbyterian here were asking us to come but would have difficulty about a place to live. That worked out nicely — as Miss Tan needed the cook in there — Miss Hsu was not able to come + by doing this way I am staying here with Marie R. + going back + forth for two classes a day.

— Later back home. March 24. - Bernyce's birthday isn't it?

Honey dear it was just impossible to write there + I'm just taking time this a.m. to write whether or no + mail it on the way to the bank + to do some errands.

The days were so full! Morning service 10-12:30 + afternoon visiting in the homes + evening 6:30-8-

that schedule for a week - so you will understand why I've letter this letter first wait! It was a wonderful week! That little group had been so dead before & now they are alive & taking responsibility & paying an evangelist 18.00 a month. Carl ~~Hester~~ who has moved there who is fine & wife are big help. They often have a balance in their budget at end of the year! What a joy to go to them & we surely were blessed by this sweet pres & were so grateful. Seemed funny to be alone - but by living at Mavis's it was a big change & vacation - like (at least a vacation from house-keeping & that. She has three children & I enjoyed them & the walks back & forth to the church (15 min) across the old Chinese city. There is a walled city inside the outer wall. It is pretty hardened but there are a number of new believers! Pray for them. They need a new church — now renting & very inadequate I carried three letters from you out there & two came so I want to go thru them now first.

Please thank Cousin Anna for being nice to miss Hsü Sorry she had such long waits for boat & all. I hope in U.S. Miss Hsü will truly learn to know Christ & not be led further away. I wrote Roseburg thanking them for their 20.00 & just now another 5 has come as a love-gift from Bethel.

3] This year I was here to get it at the time - the other years I wait here, I don't worry - send a little — Priced stockings here today. Can get fairly good 1.90 Mex + 2.50 - 4.00 Mex - rather heavy but awfully sheer silk. If it seems better to buy here - don't try it there I will buy here -

These few days in Sian trying to get things fixed up a bit for mission meeting May 5-11 in Sian. Won't get mail & blouse, & hat & a white coat maybe. It will be hot up there then - Each year I think I'll not get a thing but sure things need fixing up etc, My! with all the troubles in the world I'm so grateful for your health + that you've food + warmth. How I thank Him when I see old ladies begging here! Another caller - I must go! Miss Fair Weather -

No dear, extra personal checks sent to me I have never reported nor heard of any regulation of any kind for it. I do not report - I write them monthly for specific needs for him - unless specified for me personally! as the Lord leads here — I thank them all for praying for Chiang Kai Shek. The mayor of Tsingtao back from Nanking + the other day lectured to all the H.S. students telling them details of the Sian incident. Said that Chiang + ten soldiers were in a house outside of Sianfu on a hill in a house. It was very early in a.m. Chiang was up - I expect reading Bible - when shots began to pour around. He decided that they should flee - hoping to get out over the hill. With his bodyguard he jumped over the high wall + into the moat on other side. That was when his back bone was

21 It just came by P.O. I'll write them.
Well — later again. That Mrs. C. I wrote of helping
the week I went to Kiaolao — the last one
but with law on her side in the eternal tri-
angle — anon-Christian before utterly no knowledge
of Jesus — well the Lord has swung her on me like
the albatross on the Mariner's neck in the poem —
takes just hours with her — & since I've come
back. I have a wee time now so I'll hurry this
on as fast as I can — delayed as it is!
Glad for news of the twins — winfield in a
play & my! nearly three H.S! How time flies.
I still think of them the size as when I saw them!

So glad you'd such nice birthdays at Bud's
& yours! My 26 in — of snow!! & loads, snow-cold
& rain — weather is "unusual" to say the least! No, dear
cake no duty. The other things had. Well, yes. it
is always a problem of duty — seems to be higher
than before. Well, honey, send me a little bit
but I promise if you decide to send me money
I'll use it for myself as you wish. Will that be
easier. That time they said up to 1.60 gold U.S
free of duty so small packages would go
free — maybe cheaper to put stockings of small
things in a letter. I sent baby pillow slips to Sarah
& Thelma in letters 55¢ postage — package would have
been 70¢. I think the paper wrappings for Christmas
would go free. Smaller packages mean more trouble
tho. I did better here this year — got some red
celophane 5¢ U.S. a sheet & so it is getting so
we get even that.

5] hurt - He lay there for a time till he came to - then ran on up the hill bullets just flying around them. All of his guard was killed but one - they got to the top of the hill & saw that they were surrounded by soldiers - & started back down. He [illegible] just led him over a small cave - which was all covered by undergrowth & grass - he fell into it - just big enough for one man So he was in it & body guard stretched flat on ground beside him. That one was killed. The later soldiers came by & said on seeing a man was in the cave, "this one give him a bullet" - Then Chiang came out & said "Tim Chiang - Kill me!". The man then took him into city. all say for three days & nights he didn't eat - some say for fear of being poisoned - but he said his time there for those days he spent in prayer & Bible reading - likely fasting. Such wonderful protection in the rain of bullets. Papers after marvel at the source of his power - he plans with others, does not usurp all authority - yet his word is last - all who come to his presence are very much influenced by him. He has no methods of Hitler nor Mussolini but a power quite as great I expect. The secret is in his honoring God. H.H. King sent out a call for prayer when he was taken. H.H. King is going to King's coronation in London. How they need to be upheld in it all!

Hope the cousin at Jenny Lodge is well by now! I suppose Earl will be back before so long. They came in May last year. We had World's day of prayer here - I led two services - one at new church at Clay Slau & the Union meeting in the city - Will go to another of the new places for Easter Sunday. Will enclose Stella's letter - came today. You'll laugh at her dream - it is a dream all right!

6) Mumsie 71 years old! How wonderful & it is so nice to get your letters & know you're so well my mumsie dear! Took the organ to Kiaolaw & it was so nice I've enjoyed it so much; No, Miss Law, nor Miss Huo neither had had typhoid shots. A slip-up. I guess. Tho the mission has rules for us it hasn't for Chinese helpers. If we had a hospital here it might but it had come to me once & then it slipped again & they didn't want to take them especially. Miss Huo will now when she's well enuf again. "Christian" America & grafts in Red Cross is pretty bad — Bad enuf in China! Your mystery sister plan is quite unique & puts interest & thoughtfulness for others in a very nice way! There was a mission note — of a request if Helen McClain were appointed to ask for her for Shantung country work — that is all I know; glad Warren's are home. Heard recently of a friend praying for another for 60 years & were still some years to go for Warren at that rate. They (2) were converted, M.D. Evans had a breast removed at Irian — haven't heard whether cancerous or not. Thanks for sending Warren's things on!

A couple of Chinese christians have just been here to pray for Miss Law. She is better but really still an invalid — the recovery is so slow — Has a bit of kidney trouble which Dr. Sommer feels will clear up with diet & rest. She isn't well enuf to go out yet.

How nice to get the nice dress from Bud & Bessie yes — make it up — Yes, sorry I have worn that

I lovely Salem-made dress a number of times. I still love it + wear it once a year or so — So Seattle stocks are beginning to pick up! Well that sounds hopeful — someday!

Miss Law just came up here to third floor + said — if I don't write I don't write at all — but if I do never stop! + saw I'm pretty much single-tracked!

I have to stay in town till after April 1 — Two Board representatives are coming then + the station folks want me to be here — I'll get my physical exam off! + personal report + as much done as possible for Mission meeting to So after I go won't have to come in so early!

Had nice time visiting the Swedish Baptist mission folks at Kisselow - Spoke on Christian Home' one P.M. at Bible School for training evangelists + then went for tea (coffee the Swedish call it) at the Rinells. Had a nice visit. A man wandered into the meeting (all women) but something convicted him - He got up + told of his failure + anger at his wife over the night before children + resulting unhappiness all day. Said he'd rather feel the sting patient + not irritated was all the woman's part — not his —

I'm going to close this now & go out to mail it; May you be kept well & safe & be greatly blessed. I'm remembering Ray & Eula - ~~too~~ in all your problems & joys.

Bye dear ones —

oh I forgot - "Chiang Kai Shek said "When I was in trouble in Sian I came out safely not because of my education, nor because of great personality nor morality but because I have a great, true, dependable faith!" — ~~in~~ God -

Bye dearest ones - I love you all - & am so grateful for all your letters & love & help —

Yours - as-Ever —

Irene

~~no time~~ to reread to correct.

April 10 -
Home -

Dearest Mumsie:
Will add a bit more to your letter before I send it on today. The bundles of reports are on the way + letters to everyone - all gifts + letters answered up. till summer or later. Youll be surprised at my late decision. That Roseburg check 20 total for 67.67 - one day as I was walking up main street I/there came the clearest guidance — use that 67 - toward a typewriter! The more I thought + prayed over it it was seen as real directions from Him - So Gardner on this trip to Shanghai will get me one — it will be a rebuilt or second hand I hope to spend not over 100. I have still a bit of gift money + some undesignated — so I will be able to do it. It seems best. Whenever I had to write to Esther by borrowing use it overtime + then only to have to hurry from writing this way I do it so poorly that what I do type

those silk dresses I got in Salem – (the black one in the picture) + the red flowered dress with blue silk coat – all had to be let out. It is done well indeed with them – I've thought sometimes "this will stump him" but he comes up everytime with it done! I meant to tell you about the typewriter – the last time before this I had to borrow to copy the play – I had gone to the stores here to rent one + priced them + then sort of half-prayed – "Master, my! I'd never be able to buy one" but it must have been about that time or before that the Roseburg clock started on its way. It is wonderful tenderness + care!! Before you call – I was just being troubled over all the letters + hating to borrow – but didn't really ask for a typewriter – but He prepared it for me. Such a Loving Lord + Master!

H. don't do credit to the Master's name — so that is what I've done — maybe my personal report for the year can be done on that. It must be in by Apr. 25. Mission meeting is so early this year May 5-11 because about half of the mission go on furlo — that reports + all that could be done after wheat harvest in June all before have to be in earlier. I've had my physical exam + gotten my expense accts all up + a blaue + white shirt coat being made — so am about ready. While speaking of clothes — There is a fat tailor here who beats everyone I ever knew to make over. I thought I could do that but things that I can't see a way out for he can — I've gotten more your build, matter, this couple of years — hips larger + chest flatter — so that + meant

How wonderfully He leads! We were all packed to go to Country Town. I went to bed terribly tired - sick in night + had to sleep up a few days — clearly hindered from going. Here in midst of it Mrs. Chang (I told you of her —) came on me. all upset, thought her husband had run off + left her here — She'd cried out in street + was in a bad state. I was able to get Mr. Anpo over here + he was able to help her + locate the Dr. husband etc. I kept her here over night - gave her hot bath + she got over that crisis. See she is alone here — no one else to help her at all. The Dr. is the Lutheran hospital one — all these years passing off the record wife as first. He's only staying on till the other Dr. comes. Miss Hsu came yesterday + we were discussing when we could go - Miss Lan can't go yet — I said "who knows" - this time God has upturned our plans to keep me here for Mrs. C. She was very much touched that I'd had to be sick to be kept here for her!! Somehow thru it all the fact that Jesus really love her is breaking thru into her heart. Things seem settled down - maybe I can get away! Life surely has been funny this year.

Master, I've a wonderful "cyclamen" given me by that German friend. I love you ever had one? This is my first + the prettiest pink - five petaled flowers (flowers arranged on stem like a "chicken-pip" but each petal round not long. It is like 10 fairy dancers in a forest glade — 10 blossoms at once! Lovely! Bye dear — Till close

April 29, 1937

Dearest Mother!

Honey, when did I write last I'm sure tho I do not recall when I have neglected you! But tonight I want to hurry off a note. Had a few rest days but these last have been strenuous preparing for mission meeting — reports - reports - - - getting ready for a display etc - Repairing clothes + running errands — I have them about all done + have to go out over Sunday + back Monday a.m. get off to mission meeting for six days — This sounds

rather shitty & rushed —
& guess that's about the way
I feel — Sorry not to have
a real visit time with you
but just want you to
know that mine all right
& for you not to worry about
us but just forgive the
rush —

I'll try to write you
a <u>real</u> letter - real about
the Centenary celebration
of mission & 75 years in
China —

Love to all

Yours - With love
& love & love
Much love tho no news —

Yours Irene

No. Hsu Li Chuang

May 24, 1937

Dearest Mumie + all;

Well back from the first place Nan Hsin Chuang, — I mean Mrs Hsu + Mrs Tan are. I have been here all week battering Mrs. Tan - third sister - in-law — the nite before time set to go I had an upset in nite — sometheins I brought from Peiping too were causes plus worries so I just stayed here + had a wonderful rest in this quiet court-yard. It surely is a haven of rest Bettsing — I surely know of no other like it out in the country. How sweet a provision it has been more than once for our bodies! I stay home just ted me on eggs — at waking + at meals + P.M + evening. I know tired sister-in-law doesn't eat them at all — just keeps them for guests, for gifts + us. I know she's given what she can + more to help

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Keep them three bodies all well & clear up energy & strength for
Him. No. 5 It is sweet & she is so understanding besides being such a good cook! I've told her this time nearly if there's rewind were in Kind — she'd have first dozens of eggs stored up for her three —
I'm perfectly sure that her sweet service & love with the pound again doubled many times as it can now gives joy to our Master.
Hayload a fine week at that village — new last year — found them just hungry & in doubt of something & just needing them! Sort of like spiritual waters —
One woman has had such persecution from her husband but my surely it is just the power of the Holy Spirit that holds her.
Sometimes she'd think she could only suffer this — but the very thought of not believing just causes her real anguish of heart — so she suffers on — with a real real

3] sense of His Presence to comfort her!
The record Mr. Sug— never was a main face so transformed from ugly, dark, scowling, fearful persons into Christ's power to the most shining responsive Christ-like face! He is the one, with his wife who had no intention of believing but the overpowering curiosity to see a preacher led them to the first service + then the Holy Spirit did the rest!
How like John — if we know that their children in them are true + going on in faith my the joy but oh the hurt of those who slip!
There is one young man + a woman who has by her unbelieving + some misunderstanding just given her body to a demon that causes her such suffering!
She formerly as a young girl had this trouble — but not when we knew her — they prayed with her again + she did but to confess some sin in this mean time — she'd call out "he won't let me

4) say it"! + it would only be with a struggle that she'd get it accept- all the time she understands but the lemon makes her just suffer! Please pray for her entire freedom Mrs. Sung please remember her! + that she'd have the faith to overcome the doubts etc. which have given the enemy, + pray for her husband - this sin of doubt is perhaps the greatest!

Miss) Tsu is worn out - she's now as white having a good sleep! We just do not know how to save ourselves - but feel one a year when we drop to give them all we can - + it takes it out of one 3 times a day + days now are long - must get up with faintest streak of dawn + it is 10:30 after midnight when meeting is over!

His grace was good to not to miss a meeting in spite of planting sweet potatoes etc. They'd come in from fields + after served to back.

5] I have all of your most welcome + so
many girl's love. I'd not really answered
them so brought them along,
No.
Cook will take a message tomorrow
for me next place, so I want to
write some. You've had wee notes
from me but not really satisfactory
letters I'm afraid.

The day before I came - Earl came up
to the house + we had a visit - I'd just had
supper but I was in midst of packing
but got a bit + we visited some,
Yes had gotten the cake + likked it
said it tasted about ½ Lou!
Glad Lill be here this summer!!
I set him to paint the inside of our
summer house if he had time, +
do something in the yard. I'd's on the
boats this summer, gets off every alter
day in P.M. Last summer he was stationed
on shore.

Glad Elizabeth has found what she
likes + that Bernyce had the flowers
I'm sure they were a joy for her!

Glad to hear of Warren's,
You've likely already made plans

b, about the stockings. $2.60 and U.S. gov duty free if you make several packages + mail a few weeks apart. Or if you want to put a pair in a letter + put in a big manilla envelope + pay extra postage it would be legal + maybe cheaper. You keep your receipt of my box, postage etc + later I have Board send it all at once. Suppose you don't try a cake for birthday. It's so much trouble + expense — let me get something here to try for a change — I'll admit at Christmas, tho it is sure sentiment, I do like to have your cake! You've had the answer to the nice notes, that the Oregon City ladies sent! Thank them so!

No.

We are, as far as we are concerned here in our section at present + safe + well + have good crops, terribly famine reports in other provinces but were well! Rest your heart dear one! But the world is a mess!! Things tighter? They are here too some. Stan-white suede were 6.50 mex - but tops to last me a long time! I'd love

7) to hear twins play in orchestra!! We've enjoyed Mary VanDeusen's flowers so much this spring. None had Easter sometime as yet — only the gift came early maybe. Am glad if anything I write can help to His glory! Am interested in the enrollment of Play — + am thinking of other possibilities if they are of use. Was it they that you had printed? Thank you so for doing all of the reports!

Welcome to Helen MacLean. I think she's to be here in Shantung where the Eames, Stella + Deane are!

Mrs Fan is so much better + was so thrilled to be able to go this time for the meetings + was just bubbling over with the joy of being able again to be used by Him.

I'd wondered whether the last typewriter was finished! I have seen mine yet- came after I went to Inia + was packed in a bag + Ruth only got back the morning I left — so I'll do a bit with it this summer.

General assembly will meet in Ningbo July 17 — 28 — Ruth + Gardner + part of family be away so I will take charge

3/ of Lewiston - fed all our rooms up
with delegates (there are preachers who
want foreign food) + for children
+ then a big dance for a couple
of weeks. Then in August plan to
go to Utah visit Martha + have
a full long rest + change.
Mrs Fry + Mrs Ilus are to go to
Pyramid - meantime for two months
June 25 - August 25 - in a training
class for Christian Home Instruction.
More of this later.
I know Mr. Best only slightly, shall not
remember me. Sara Perkins - with whom
I lived in Chicago - works with
her. I heard her say after last summer
that her wonderful selfless spirit
was such an inspiration to her!
She has eye trouble + is gradually
going blind + will eventually
but not a trace of self-pity
or self-sentiment for sympathy
- many never dream of it -
likely upon visit at Portland.

9. This paper seems too good to write on two sides.
Good by now Norman + give my love to
Ella Mc - I drew a bit of pain at the
No
words for the treasury time - I didn't
before - Miss Farnell has taught
me heaps! How it does help if you
to do the reports. It is always with
such relief that I do them up that
last time + off to Post a piece -
+ I'm so grateful for your big
big part in it Mumsie mine!
Nice to hear about Ivan Stuarts -
Yes, I remember the chase!

Well, Mrs. Law paid my harvest -
brought me 6.70 for it. 70 ¢ for
taxes etc + I'll count the six here
+ see what that just left can
bring. I mean not to spend any of
the proceeds - see what it will amat
too. There is wheat on my bit now +
later beans. There are the paying
crops! Ha! Seems funny eh?
My! I've enjoyed again your letters -
Will close now - lots lots of
love to all - I praise them so
for you all - Lovingly. Irene.

This was during mission meeting — A lonely affair. In great contrast to the lonely days spent by early young woman who came to be bride of Mrs.

The President of the University,
Hamilton (she is now retired)
Mr. Shuming T. Liu,
but then only able to go on
requests the pleasure of your presence
street in closed sedan chairs
at dinner in the Medical Hall,
with only a tiny courtyard
on Monday next,
to live in — + long lonely
May the tenth, at 7:00 p. m.
days of husband's
absence.

In spite of all of the
"earthiness" of the
messengers God hath
wrought marvelously
here —

Cheelee, Taiwan 1937

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謹訂於國曆五月十日(星期一)餐叙候

劉世傳拜約

地址：本校醫學院大禮堂

時間：下午七時

June 8, 1937

Hsu Li Chuang -

Dearest Mummie mine & all ;

Just a hurried letter to night as the cook has just come from Tsingtao with four big fat letters from you & one from Bernice & Mrs. Boese — & Miss Weber (not Edith) & Otto. Urgent business takes Mrs Hsu in on the early train leaving her very busy. She's gone so how to read the evening prayer service so I'll write a bit - I'll not try to answer all of your letters but that will come in time - but this just be a bit of love note to let you have a letter - of it we send mail by carrier - something happens to it. I sent you one a couple of weeks ago by one as we were just ready to go to Ba Shaw - I hope you got it.

I wonder whether that letter to

Jeanie don't fail with copy of the play + letter to church + request for Ed McCalmont to run off a few copies for you want lost that way - since you never heard. It seemed such a little thing to ask + to lose the big printer - that I can't conceive his simply ignoring it. It was sent from here. —

We've been to two villages + the wheat harvest came ~~on~~ brought us back — here to rest a bit before going on to Langlade —

I do not get rest in there, + cook can be a big help to Mrs. Laurie + I'll be lazy a bit in this quiet cool courtyard + incidentally see my wheat harvested —

Then when harvest is over we will go in + get off to another village —

My!! what a joy this "Brittany" is! Mater, I can't think of any american thing for you to find Mrs. Laurie, I guess I'll

I'd buy some nice suitable cloth in Saigton — as from you for her. That will be nice.
You asked about the Portland names on list — All I can recall that I have are Mrs. Bell (Norma's friend) + Sara — + Maybe Mrs. Blair Paul, She, Mrs. Blair Paul, I think I cut off before She may as well be, The others must be Presbyterial etc — do as you think about them. I don't think I'd cut off the Calvary Pres. Church tho they do not support me anymore + have gone to Independent Board to cut them might seem as it I held it against them — Do as you think best honey dear!
What Helen M. Claim — to bring it. like a good egg beater, dover — with eight wide wires in the bowl not ± + strong. My old one is done. Martha got me one here + it is light + only four wires,

4] If anyone has an extra carving set I'd like one — don't buy one especially tho — a good (butcher) knife + a thin bread (slicing) knife. Mumie do you use the old meat grinder much? I need one sometimes + go to borrow. They are pretty expensive + I haven't seen any small — mostly long ones like butcher — sausage grinders.
Christmas wrapping paper — + cord, I can't think of anything else How grand that Helen is going from strength + that they are doing so much for her. Yes, silver is nice + sheets + those flour-sack dish-towels she'd like — I'm sure all your gifts will be useful. I don't know what she wants re clothes — afraid I can't answer for her —— Her having been out before will make it easier for her to know —

No my typewriter isn't a new model — quite old — but quite up to date

5] new to usage! 90 Mex – or $30 4.5
won't buy a new one – I don't
see it yet but it will be
fun I'm sure – Prayed so much
about it + I'm sure He cared for
the choice of it!

Cook brought 13 lb. of strawberries
in a basket out! My dish me
heart! While I read my mail
Miss Hus + Tan cleaned + washed
them + fortunately I had a tin
of Sh. Cakes – so we feasted –
If I don't get in for any more
it won't matter!

We had a great time at Basi-
+ N. au Lim. We were a bit fearful
of the last place – as being a
Father critical + different group –
We laughed afterward when every-
thing was just great at Mis Fair
being unable to sleep the first
night over what was ahead –
My! they left nothing undone in
hospitality + welcome, insisted on
buying the firewood (dried reeds)
paying our cartage home, brought

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6] gifts of 50 eggs + 2 lbs of sugar - to eat with them, the latter meat + leeks, + the whole atmosphere was of hunger + humble receptiveness + appreciation. How they enjoyed the organ + told them how it was a gift from the Master!

Three women found the Master for first time as Saviour — one was their own bride in a family the rest of whom are Christians but this is her own first confession. She admired [illegible] after + never presented Christ but now accepted him! Said I had a dream — a few nites before in which your identical — of Jesus coming to her (in long white garment) with a knife in his hand + opening her in front + taking out her heart + liver + inside + scraping them clean clean! The morning we were to leave we got warily that things all packed — fortunately too — for these three women and

7] to be prayed with before we had breakfast. This last one surely did clear out two past to heart + bones —

Mr. Chang a Ba Shan, a strong hearty man, when we arrived was laid up on kang with a twisted muscle or something. We were there one day — He came in asked us to pray for him — said he knew why his leg was hurting — had missed two Sundays ran going to Church — angry with another, — Said he was at market across the river + Suddenly this awful pain in his leg — he sat by road + prayed to God to get home — but still not corrected of his sin — He did get home but suffered terribly — finally he made public confession of his sin + asked for prayer + he was released fully. When we left he walked by the cart + drove the big ox to take us on —, God deals very directly, we see time + again —!)

He was just overjoyed at his release + that the Master cared enuf to check him up!
Time to get this ended + a note written to Ruth J. for Mrs Hus to take,

Bye - the play acct was interesting, I tried to remember what clothes - the long blue one + what else - If I get an idea I may do another -

Goodnight - dear ones all. Mummie dear hope you had Warren check up on your food etc! Great to get to see him! — More later Glad you got a salt substitute!

Good nite -
Ruth Ann

Irene

Chicago 6-12-37

Dear Friend:

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of $ 3.00 in payment of dues for three years.

The attached membership card is for your convenience. Carry it with you.

The Executive Committee requests an interest in your prayers for God's blessing upon this work.

Sincerely yours,

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Dearest Mumsie + all:

Sunday P. M. have a couple of hours before church time + I just want to visit. There may be interruptions but I rather hope not - Anyway - I'll begin. I'm in now for General Assembly + Conference time. Missetow + Ithus are in Tsinglaien, Hopei - near Peiping for that two months class. They went on Thursday How queer it seems to be living alone tho! I've been busy. The walls had been calso - mined + while I was away the floors done so the things were all upset. We'd lived so much upstairs all winter that there was a lot of sorting + putting away to do - Winter clothes etc. We're supposed to clean up our houses ourselves once in a term that is calsamine - so mine won't need to do that before fuels. The clean shiny surface makes another look dull so I had a painter two days - going over the chairs - painting a couple of wicker ones etc - so mine cleaned up at last but not all in place yet. My dining table

a folding one, had its edges gradually broken so that is being done again + repaired. I'm trying to get back into a bit of a routine - months in the country kind forgotten a lot - So have been pretty much a "Martha" since my return! I have nice schemes to practise the organ + typewriter, writing chinese each day etc but so far haven't done much of that.
Weeded flower-beds are reviving + planted a few plants on our rocky terrace, so have had some exercise too. Earl was up the night I'd weeded - came just as I finished! But helped water. The grass was so dead looking. We did had a water shortage + Ruth didn't think she should water the yard maybe. My bath tub drains out on the grass so that side is coming back to life! Then we had one rain + it seems to be coming again - the grass. My! how dry the millet + kaoliang were dying when we came in - this P.M. had big black clouds overhanging My! how I hope for a real drenching rain It may save some food for some yet. One must realize that in this will that disasters which call folks back to the sense

I) that there is a power higher than themselves sometimes have to come — five provinces in China with bad draught — but even so one can't but pray that it will be spared us here again. I found my heart unwilling to say last nite — "a draught if it be thy will" — but we should be submissive even in that.

This week Lt. Schmidt gave Miss Jan a good examination & says no kidney trouble at all! Slow recovery & result of years of chronic constipation have been the cause of what seemed to be symptoms. That is wonderful isn't it! Bright's disease or some such would be such a handicap! We've spent a good deal of time with that too these days,

I have quite a number of your letters to answer- that that came out to me & this last bunch which came the night that Earl was here & we read together. He had a bad sick spell for a week or so — but is well now & gaining about a pound a day & hungry all of the time, Good to see him,

Thank Ruth Crofts for the children's pictures. They are good. Patsy was the baby which I was home. The twins look so much alike, I was thinking of Ruth on the way in & how the pictures were

3) in a mail soon after. Thank you too for the Kinsalton news items. I remembered some of them Tekie's uncle's suicide, too bad! Some mental trouble seemingly. Tekie's mother died too last year! Mummy, I saw just as you closing home for Warren! + I'll bet he won't even conscious that you had a cupboard! or ceiling! I'm sure it is clean! No honey, I do not need blankets. I've plenty of covers. If I get any after I may get a camel's hair ~~wool~~ padding to cover from Peiping. It is so light + warm, like down but much more durable for country wear. + have it to bring to you. Do you want one? I know your ~~covers~~ comf but are they heavy on you + not very warm - if so I'll get you a camel's hair ~~one~~; I'm sure Helen will need blankets if she hasn't any;

I had a couple of bouquets of lovely yellow rose buds - just the end of them. Bud's gift-roses have done well. "Pres. Hoover" is a beauty + blooming now. Exquisite in color! The regal lilies Mary V. has cared for so carefully are lovely this week! She had two gorgeous bouquets in church last week + I have one now here. Mary teaching at Nampa or what? Not going to see you?

Yes Bethel + Roseburg friends surely have been

5 Ifins. Just rcived the 1000 copies of Chiang's writes in easy chairs. That finishes up thir gift, all spent on his writers. There is a book written by Madame Chiang about the Sian fu trouble in English, Have you seen it? It appeared serially in N.Y. Times & now published. She is a wonderful woman - I mean Jesus is wonderful thru her. It is selling here for 5 Mex. & an autographed copy for $10.00 to go to help the widows & orphans of those killed in his bodyguard. She surely had remarkable poise that came from a great faith & very conscious presence of Jesus that she went right into that situation & won over Chang Hsüeh Liang. Raleigh & Mary soon will be thru internships & ready for foreign field, I expect. Fine!

So Mrs. Mollenger too has gone on - give my regards to Noomi if you see her. I wonders about Martin & the smallest boy - forget his name, Matthew & Priscilla too! Nice window curtains are nice for Helen. I have enjoyed that surprise that I saw it hasn't faded at all - all of three years. That is fine for that church there to take Helen first as thirs. It will mean much to her & them.

Wasn is Uncle Arthur marrying? Why Washington? Has Aunt Callie get a pension too before long? She's been there about as long as Clyde I think. Maybe Work & Ave. laws differ.

6. What do you mean by "putting cigarettes + dancing in the school"? + twins getting expelled. Do you mean it is compulsory? + smoking allowed is that it? or are they compulsory! Too bad! Your garden sounds so good -

My typewriter is an old model but practically new + in good condition $95.00 - new models run up in $210 - + more. This is very good + a sweet gift from Him! I do not need a new one! You just use the old one + rest your heart! You're so nicely settled I hope your home won't be sold — if this isn't a selfish wish for the owner! I went to market the other day to see if I could get salmon - fresh - but there wasn't any. out of season, I never have gotten it here - but I think there is some that comes from Japan. No dear, I've had no letter complaining about reports. You surely do them well + how it does save me; Thank you so!

So glad you have salt substitute that will help - yes food without salt must be difficult Good Bud found something to help. What did Warren say about your health + blood pressure? Did he check up on it?

Yes, Ray, those Portland chine girls are pretty, aren't they? We see some lovely ones here too; China is a wonderful place + oh! I'm so grateful to be here — especially with all of the new openings — new hope in China!

7] of course. I know do still do not approve of my "blessed singleness" but just rest your heart! You're still two years to get one in trim but can't promise I'll like him any more than "Jimmy!"

I can't figure out what clothes they wore in the play - the long blue one + what else? You had quite an affair out of it', Glad it it was passable. I see the papers called it "charming" The situation it was meant to portray is far from charming'. Did they get the meaning of it + calling the soul etc'

There's good rain pouring down! Fine!

What a big time you had with Warren + ob I'm so glad. It was so good for you to see him + have him for the few days. — a car - + visits with old friends + dear nurses proudly going everyplace with him. I had to laughingly recall your telling the taxi driver in New York that your son was president of the Medical Association - to which we went! Honey mine, you deserve all of the pleasure your children can give you - by at least keeping out of jail - nice new gloves too! + all. You weren't tired out by all the jaunts - that is great! Yes. I remember Aunt Emma & Aunt Helen Bell married! - I was thinking of Susie. I guess I forget Helen Bell,

8) Yes, he's a dear brother I'm sure God will bring him at last. He can! George has done so well too - what are his plans now? Who is the girl? Both father + son getting degrees at once! I'm so glad Warren visited then at Enterprise! I just am. Glad he could see Nook + what a fine lad he is. I've a secret longing in my heart that he will maybe help Nook to go to College maybe — now George is finished but this is just all my idea - do not mention it. Dear brave Bernyce! I hoped it changed a little the opinion of Warren to her, that his letter at Lee's desk gave to her. So glad he went in! How did you manage - take the dinner up to Salem or all go to A. C. for it. - I see you say Salem, Earl said in reading about not finding the cemetary — that it was just so easy to find! Wish not found it so eh? Sorry he didn't see it.

I got a lovely new — carved wood frame for yours + Daddy Sis pictures. Two on one base - lovely! I've wanted one so long. They look so nice in it! Number of chances to speak for Him since coming in — yesterday out to Tw Star So + today at Lutheran Bible School - next week at Sw Tang I'm grateful for these chances. Makes living in Jesus bearable!

Time for church — go dress. Ella + I had a tea yesterday for a girl returning to Denmark —

Must rush love to all my dear ones +
may God bless upon all — Lovingly, Irene

SHIRAUME

I singtao
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July 11, 1937

Dearest Mumsie:

Am just back from church out at one of the suburban chapels. Mary & I took one of the members of the Executive committee who are getting ready for the Assembly a miss chi to speak. I'm having my meals at Ruth's now & since they aren't back from their church probably at the Peak (the summer colony about 10 min out) I'll begin my letter to my dear ones in U.S. Mary took their folding organ this a.m. They have one just like mine; & Mary & I sang a duet with a chinese tune — We passed —, but had it been a very musically up "OK" congregation they have known where we were a bit weak As it

was they wouldn't too critical!
I'm going to the choir practices since
I've come in for the Saturday choir -
They needed some more people - not
that I can help much but I
thought I'd enjoy it anyway for
these few weeks. They're to sing
for General Assembly that is why
they were in need - Then there
are a concert + church service
also so I'll get a bit of
practice -

This week begins my big job -
Tuesday Ruth + partner go +
leave the two boys (9 + 12)
with me + this house + eight
guests !! I will be coming on
Thursday of this week for two
weeks. ~~That~~ has been empty
but the lady in charge of the
pageant at last can't do it
+ that falls to me to help
out - so will be busy a
bit till last of July. I will

3) not try to attend many meetings
etc - what I do I'll try to get to
the local conference that comes at
the same time. It will be fun
seeing the Master do all of this -
housekeeping - especially foreign -
to which I've given so little attention
all of these years -

Thank you for the picture of the
twins! Grown up! Surely are - well
I think I know which is which.
Richard is on the right - I feel
he hasn't changed but I'm not
satisfied with this picture of Win-
field. I wonder whether he has really
changed as much as this picture
appears to me. I'm inclined to blame
it on the shadows on his face
rather than believe such a change.
Yours never mentioned it so you
must not see it. Change, I mean
from first they were so much alike -
Richard is still as I remember - but
Winfield has changed. - Seems to me

maybe it's because yours with them all the time.

I Winfield in resembling Ray more
& Richard more like Hallet.
Thejil grin ni quite a block!! Gee
how low long I've been away!
Is Richard's hair thinner or is it just
the fairness that makes it seem
that way? Jill really be sorry if
they do get so they do not donate
eight hunt titles that is being just
certainly Squeeze. Guess am ni
empty is well for sure. Please,
Jill ask Carl he has seen them
rather recently. I just may as well
be prepared for changes — as you
will have to be in me — with
my hair much wider & about 2"
more around the waist & hips!!
I hope it will stay at 2" —
Thanks for Jean Milais letter —
When is she coming? I hope I'm with
range if she goes to trouble to
see me. She don't seem to say
for sure she's coming here!
I heard her speak once of helping
to establish the Home Economics courses

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mine may come later - It hasn't yet.
How sorry Sam for her illness -
At first I was sorry about the furlo
but our Board has 3 yr. terms in those
especially difficult climates. There has
no rule only when the need + money
come at same time. They've been there
3 years now. What taxing work
there is at Linder. What a fund
of patience + faith they are develop-
ing! Moslem work is just like
picking rock - + the rock still
adamant. I wouldn't be surprised
that those in that sort of unresponsive
field, those who just hold on in
faithfulness still preaching from
just sheer love for Him - will
be among those most highly re-
warded when He comes! Surely
their love for Him has grown
they can't have even the
satisfaction of enjoying being
appreciated to any other
pure love offering to Him.

b, & they can't love that as a spur to keep on so the motive must be greatly purified — just out of love to Him. Real & unknown heroism that is.

Mater dear, the cake came in yesterdays mail. July 10 - & you were living worried that it be late. I thank you so long mine for the love & thought & all that went into that cake! How I thank Him for your wonderful love & thoughtfulness. They must not do as well in the summer. It was malady a bit. I've steamed it thoroughly but I wonder whether it is wise to do it in summer again. I'll be able to enjoy a great part of it but I hate to have it spoiled'. I thank you so much.

If Helen can't muck luggage she could bring them & mail them to me here from where she wants to in China —

[illegible] There is really nuf about anything
even if he stayed. Keep the tel she saw and them any spoons
coming sent from Peking
The meat grinder is the only lucky
thing — You've already decided
by time this reaches you — no maybe
not. She's been here before but for
keeps. She'll be leaving in Sept. She
hopes she could mail easily & I'll
refund her postage. Yes. Helen is to be
be in Irving with Jeane + Stella —
at least that is the present assignment,
Lovely to give her the blanket —
I got George's gift off to him.
I hadn't heard of Gen. Assembly
coming here. That will be a big expense
how can it? Ray wasn't talking
of the Hangchow 1938 — follower of Jerusalem conference was to be?

Peking has had a bit of excitement
with the Japanese again. Miss Tan
+ Miss Hsu are near there but
I feel at rest about them for
it seems to have quieted down
now. Miss Tan will be back
the last of the month — O.K.
The fourth we celebrated on
the 5 — invited out to a tea on

8] on the "Augustus" — by the admiral
A big wind - begining of a typhoon
came up just before going. We
were surprised to see the men
on the launches to take us over
with life-jackets on - but when
we sailed quite a lot getting
out we were surprised
tho there was no danger really.
Quite a crowd did go in spite
of the storm + it was nice to
go - Saw a number of freinds.
I was amused at the new style
hats ——. one was just a brim
without a crown + another
a roll of cloth like a deck
tennis ring! They doubtless felt
well dressed — so that was
enuf!

Margaret Winslett's mother is
with her here at the Luke. I
was at Sydi the other night
for supper with them, I der
mother enjoys it here. She
came 2 or 3 yrs ago — got

9) homesick for U.S.A. + went back. Be-
fore long she was homesick for China
+ came back. Margaret's work is
in Nanking + she gets to be intimate
with many interesting folks so
she enjoys it. Margaret is in
the Bible Seminary (Her mother
Women's
Bible Seminary.) She (Mrs. W.) is
very quiet sort of person talks
very little — Margaret the same —
I'll have them in some day to meet
all my "family". I can run about
10 at the table + have some guests
myself. That is my "pay" — speaking
in a mercinary way.

It has rained at last + our yard
isn't so bad — when you think of
what it has been. Mary has gorgeous
dahlias now — which we all
enjoy. I have a few "glads" in bloom,

I'll go for a nap — dinner over —
+ put some more on this later —
Mon. Heavens Mumsie! Just a
word tonite I'll finish this
+ get it mailed tonite — I have

had a busy day - working on the treas. books as auditor, on the pageant - There is a vacant ray of light + hope I feel today - seemed such a necessity — There are two weeks so I guess we will arrive! - The Master led today wonderfully in sending one letter - rather by mistake but just suited for one part! - mis taken matter

Hsiu Tzu said armies were fighting outside the city gate where Miss Law + Hsu are. I said "Should we call them to come on back?" — Can't get them it is true — but He said, "Never mind that is the best kind of environment to teach trust in God"! That's the 3 yr. old Christian! He's working on English now to prepare for college entrance preparing for His Service. I'm helping him with English a bit these days. Nitty-nitty Mummie mine, just lots + lots of love to all of you — Asser
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AIR MAIL

July 27, 1937

Dearest Mumie Mine!

I wrote an air mail this a.m. just for a birthday surprise for you but here I got to P.O. it was too heavy! Can only send one sheet and this sample kind came in a letter last week so I'll use it. For a long time I've wanted to write by the China clipper but never felt quite justified. Now my letters have been slow again then I shall be careless & muck also — Then you may have had lots of rumors etc & war news. I may have heard worse far away & just want yours to know that we are well & safe — Miss Hsu & Jan got home safely from the disturbed area but with no trouble at all, Martha will be here Aug 2 & I plan to go to Kuling to be with her. This is her last summer so I am planning to be with her for a rest — I'm a bit weary after all but not much! Jacquet went off well last night & was well liked.

I hope this won't startle you too much to have me write as "my birthday letter to you" by air! Lots & lots of love ——— As Ever Yours, Irene

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